

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-5093/1	Introduction Number	SB-0793	Estimate Type	Original
Description requiring bicycle and pedestrian facilities in highway projects and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law [§. 84.01(35), Wis. Stats] requires the Department to give "due consideration" to including bikeways and pedestrian facilities in new construction and reconstruction highway project funded with state or federal funds under §20.395 or §20.866. The proposed bill changes the language to "ensure that" these facilities "are established". In addition, it confers rule-making authority to the Department to identify exceptions to the requirement and identifies specific criteria the exceptions must meet. These changes return existing statutory language to what was law prior to the changes made in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55. The language change from "due consideration" to "ensure that" these facilities "are established" does not significantly change the Department's current practice for new highway construction and reconstruction. Therefore, it is not anticipated the bill will have significant fiscal impact on the State's highway program.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It is not anticipated this bill will have a significant long-term fiscal impact.